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The Production and Marketing Administration calls farmers' attention to the fact that loans and purchase agreements on 1949 crop corn matured on July 31, 1950. However, the loans may be extended through July 1951, and the purchase agreements converted into loans for the extended period under the re-sealing program.

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Current high levels of supply and production are among the best guarantees against food price inflation, Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan, recently told a Congressional Committee.

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Grain exports during the past marketing year exceeded 479 million bushels, including more than 299 million bushels of wheat and wheat products, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Young chickens raised on farms in 1950 are estimated at 670,275,000, 10 percent less than were raised in 1949 and 14 percent less than the 1938-48 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Stocks of corn in all positions on July 1, 1950 were the largest in the 8 years of comparable record for the date, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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There were 34 percent more cattle on feed for market in the 11 Corn Belt States on July 1 this year than a year ago, the Department of Agriculture reports.

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The Production and Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the purchase of dried eggs will be continued during September at levels reflecting to producers a price of at least 25 cents a dozen, 27 cents a dozen when delivered by the producer to the plant of the drier.

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Per capita consumption of food for 150 million people in 1950 is up 10 percent from the average for the 1935-39, prewar period, when the population averaged less than 130 million, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Canada's 1950 grain acreage is about 400,000 acres larger than the 1949 harvested area and about 3.3 million acres larger than the 5-year 1943-47 average, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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There were 11,643,000 people working on farms during the week of July 23-29, about a half million less than a year earlier, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Farm real estate values rose 2 percent in the 4-month, March-July period, according to a report released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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The 1950 lamb crop has been determined at a total of 18 million 400 head, 2 percent less than a year ago, and the smallest crop on record, the Department of Agriculture reports.

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The United States is offering some surplus foods at nominal prices to member governments of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, announces Ralph S. Trigg, PMA Administrator and President of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a national average support level of \$1.99 a bushel for the 1951 wheat crop.

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The United States shipped far less grain abroad in July of this year than a year ago. Total shipments of about 28 million bushels were but slightly more than half of those of July a year ago, the Production and Marketing Administration announces.

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Farmers are raising a record crop of 44,550,000 turkeys this year, 6 percent more than last year and 1 percent above the previous peak production of 1945, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The Nation's farmers who are using the Agricultural Conservation Program are in partnership with all the people of the country in building a stronger and better nation.

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Estimates made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that there were 1,159,670 manure spreaders in the United States in 1942. In 1950 there were 1,395,000 of these time and labor-saving machines on farms.

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Farmers are ready to assure the Nation that whatever the demands may be for food and fiber, they will come through with the required production, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan recently told an Indiana farm group.

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